

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
Reel _____ Frame _____

4. A verified statement that this filing is by small entity:

is enclosed.

has been filed in the parent application (or an earlier application in a chain of copending applications under 35 USC 120) and such status is still proper and desired.

5. The filing fee is calculated below.

	Number Filed		Number extra	Rate	Fee
Total claims	8	-20	0	x \$18	0
Independent claims	2	-3	0	x \$84	0
Multiple dependent claims (if any)				\$280	
Basic Fee				\$750	\$750
Total Filing Fee (large entity)					750
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8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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-This is a continuation division of copending application Serial No. 10/293,420, filed November 12, 2002, which is a division of U.S. Patent No. 6,504,796. -

9. Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed under 35 USC §119:

Serial No.	Filing Date	Country
11-177911	6/24/99	Japan
11-254417	9/8/99	Japan
2000-189846	6/23/00	Japan